

MOVING TOWARD A BLUEPRINT FOR ACTIONGroup 4: SMOKING CONTROL IN THE WORKPLACELeader: Robert N. BeckRecorder: Willis GoldbeckI. OBJECTIVES OF WORK GROUP:

To reduce smoking at work by increasing the number of employers with smoking control policies and programs; to reduce employer smoking related expenses; and to meet the health needs of employees and their dependents.

II. The three recommendations considered most important and steps needed for their implementation are as follows:

Recommendation #1:

Create and distribute a model corporate policy on smoking control.

Action Needed:

Incorporate this model policy in proceedings of this conference; distribute this model policy to the sponsoring organizations of the conference, public and private employers, labor organizations and the media.

Recommendation #2:

Develop information and incentive strategies for involving organizational leaders in smoking control activities.

Action Needed:

Develop a comprehensive analysis of the costs and benefits of smoking control programs and policies; constitute a Task Force involving key experts to develop the analysis; provide information to organizational leaders on companies with effective smoking control policies and programs; encourage government to provide leadership and serve as a role-model; initiate public relations campaign involving top organizational leaders.

Recommendation #3:

Increase and improve resources available for worksite programs through educational curricula and job descriptions.

Action Needed:

Distribute national standards on smoking control programs; encourage employers to use a wide range of program

approaches to employers; incorporate prevention in health professional curricula; incorporate responsibility for prevention into health professional job descriptions.